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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FORMING  
AN INTERLAYER INSULATING FILM,  
AND SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Sir:

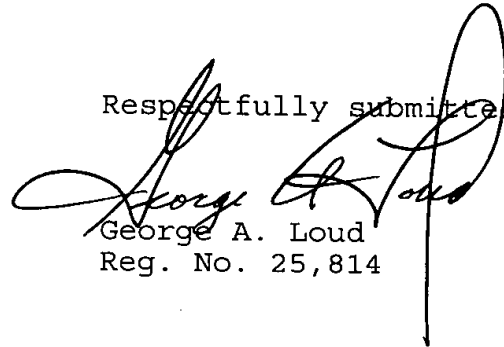
It is respectfully requested that the examiner consider and cite of record the three Kokai publications (18-month publication of an unexamined Japanese Application) listed on the attached, copies of which are submitted herewith. Also submitted herewith are English language abstracts for each of the three Kokai publications.

The three Kokai publications submitted here were cited in an office action dated March 7, 2000 received from the Japanese Patent Office in connection with Japanese Patent Application No. 11-083180, believed to correspond to the captioned case. A copy of

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the Japanese Office Action and a partial translation thereof are  
also submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

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